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THIRD GRADE-SOCIAL STUDIES (SOCIAL3_4)

1. Which ocean is NOT close to the equator?
 - A. Atlantic Ocean
 - B. Pacific Ocean
 - C. Arctic Ocean
 - D. Indian Ocean

2. Your teacher asks the class to make a list of capital cities for each state. What kind of map should you use to get this information?
 - A. country map
 - B. political map
 - C. physical map
 - D. resource map

3. Which of the following is NOT a way to cut down on the amount of trash?
 - A. Recycle newspapers, glass, and plastic.
 - B. Use paper towels instead of cloth towels.
 - C. Save containers like bottles and jars to store other things in.
 - D. Donate old toys or clothing to a thrift shop or give them to someone younger.

4. What kind of map shows forests and mines?
 - A. road map
 - B. political map
 - C. physical map
 - D. natural resource map

5. Which is one way you can help protect the environment?
 - A. burn your trash
 - B. dump oil outside
 - C. use pesticides regularly
 - D. encourage people to recycle

6. In which type of community would a coal miner MOST LIKELY work?
 - A. farm
 - B. desert
 - C. coastal

D. mountain

7. Which would be the BEST type of map for finding the capital of New Mexico?
- A. political map
 - B. physical map
 - C. neighborhood map
 - D. natural resource map
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8. Which of the following BEST describes Georgia's coastal plain region?
- A. mountainous land bordering Florida
 - B. rolling land in the middle of the state
 - C. level land bordering the Atlantic Ocean
 - D. steep highland in the northern part of the state
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9. In what kind of community would a cotton farmer MOST LIKELY live?
- A. rural
 - B. urban
 - C. mountain
 - D. suburban
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10. How is a political map different from other maps?
- A. It shows amounts of rainfall in an area for the year.
 - B. It shows farmland where corn can be grown.
 - C. It shows the elevation of mountains surrounding a city.
 - D. It shows boundaries between countries, states, and cities.
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11. It has not rained for a long time and your community has very little water. What could you do to help?
- A. Take a longer shower than usual.
 - B. Use less water in the tub when you take a bath.
 - C. Leave the garden hose on all day to fill up a pool.
 - D. Leave the water running while you brush your teeth.
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12. Ed wants to live near some stores and have neighbors. He also wants to be able to shop in a nearby city. Which type of community does he want to live in?
- A. urban
 - B. coastal community
 - C. suburban
 - D. farm community
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13. Early settlers had to decide where to build a community. In deciding the location, which of the following was LEAST important?
- A. that it had natural resources

- B. that it had easy transportation
 - C. that it had a mild climate
 - D. that it had open plains for games
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14. Which of the following BEST describes a pasture?
- A. an area with steep mountains
 - B. a grassland where animals eat
 - C. a piece of land along the seacoast
 - D. a piece of land surrounded on all sides by water
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15. What is the MOST important reason to protect our environment and conserve natural resources?
- A. so our country stays pretty
 - B. because littering is not bad
 - C. so that people can get jobs recycling
 - D. because we need natural resources to live
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16. Which BEST describes a rural community?
- A. many tall buildings, lots of traffic
 - B. open spaces, many fields and farms
 - C. few trees, apartment buildings, malls
 - D. many homes, located near a large city
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17. Bob lives in a community with a cold climate and a short growing season for crops. Where does he MOST LIKELY live?
- A. on a plain
 - B. on the coast
 - C. in a desert
 - D. in the mountains
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18. Susan's family is moving from a rural to a suburban community. Which of the following describes what Susan might see in her new community?
- A. Many farms with lots of fields and open spaces
 - B. Many people in a busy, crowded area with a lot of traffic
 - C. Many tall apartment buildings, stores and other business
 - D. Many homes and a few business located not far from the city
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19. Which of the following BEST tells what a desert community is like?
- A. very cold with lots of rainy days
 - B. very dry with little water
 - C. cold with lots of high mountains
 - D. shady with lots of trees and forests
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20. Juan needs to find the distance between Atlanta, Georgia, and Nashville, Tennessee. What kind of map should he use?

- A. political
 - B. resource
 - C. landform
 - D. population
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21. How could your class BEST help to protect the environment and save resources?

- A. throwing food on the ground
 - B. recycling soda cans
 - C. throwing cans and paper in the trash
 - D. cutting down the trees in the neighborhood
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22. What is the land at the sides of a river called?

- A. bank
 - B. delta
 - C. mouth
 - D. source
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23. Tina wants to find out the elevation of the land in Florida. Which is the BEST type of map for her to use?

- A. political map
 - B. resource map
 - C. physical map
 - D. highway map
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24. Jack is comparing the sizes of countries in Africa. Which type of map would help him the most?

- A. a political map
 - B. a city map
 - C. a highway map
 - D. a landform map
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25. Mrs. Powell and her daughters are moving to a mountain community in a western part of the United States. Which of the following describes what they might find in their new community?

- A. large forest areas filled with wildlife
- B. gently rolling land and beautiful farms
- C. very few water sources and little rainfall
- D. a moderate climate with adequate rainfall

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(Answer Key)

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